

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic Noble County Sheriff's Residence and Jail

and/or common Old Jail Museum

2. Location

street & number West Main Street at Oak Street N/A not for publication

city, town Albion N/A vicinity of congressional district

state Indiana code 018 county Noble code 113

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Noble County Historical Society

street & number P.O. Box 152

city, town Albion N/A vicinity of state Indiana 46701

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Noble County Recorder

street & number Noble County Courthouse

city, town Albion state Indiana

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records N/A

city, town state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date <u>N/A</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Old Sheriff's Residence and Jail is located one block west of the Noble County Courthouse (National Register, 1981), and predates the Courthouse by 13 years. The structure is, according to all available information, the oldest surviving building in Albion.

The residence is a red brick stretcher bond structure of two and one-half stories, with French Second Empire massing and roof, but with Gothic detailing. The main (south) facade is three bays wide, the center bay being a slightly projecting, three-story tower. This center bay contains a double-door entrance under an ornate canopy. Above this, at the second story, are paired windows with Tudor arches, with metal hood molding in the shape of a flat arch with a central peak. The third story window of the tower is a Gothic arch with matching hood molding. Above this, at the cornice level, are ornate Gothic-arched corbelling and small crenelations, also of pressed metal. The front corners of the tower are graced by two small turrets, one of which features a spire and weathervane.

The remainder of the square residence has Tudor-arched windows with flat hoods on the ground floor; round-arched windows with Gothic-arched hood molding on the second floor; and Gothic-arched dormers with gabled roofs set into the slate mansard roof. The residence also has stone quoins at each corner, which terminate in corbelled, Gothic-arched detailing at the cornice. The cornice is trimmed with the same metal detailing found on the tower. Centered on the roof is a low lantern, or cupola.

The rectangular jail portion of the structure is attached to the rear (north) of the residence and is two stories tall. A simplified version of the same cornice found on the residence is continued on the jail (see photo #3). Jail openings are simple, stone-trimmed rectangles with bars. The upper rear corners of the jail feature metal tourelles, and a lantern-like structure is centered on the ridge of the gabled roof (see photo #4).

Alterations to the structure itself have been very minor. A small roof was placed over the back door and steps to the Sheriff's residence in approximately 1930, and a second set of bars were added to the cell windows following an escape in 1889. The primary alteration was the removal of two chimneys located just behind the front tower. Although no record exists of when the chimneys were removed, materials used in the alteration appear to be at least 50 years old. The only remaining alterations consist of the usual minor alterations required for the installation of electrical wiring and modern plumbing.

The grounds include several large trees, a garage that was constructed between 1936 and 1938, and a stone retaining wall facing Main and Oak Streets that was constructed between 1932 and 1935, with prisoners providing some of the labor.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1875 **Builder/Architect** George Harvey/T. J. Tolan

Statement of Significance ~~(XXXXXX)~~

The Albion Old Jail Museum is of great significance in several respects. It is a rare illustration of what a 19th century jail was like. In addition, it is of great local historical significance to both the Town of Albion and Noble County. However, the greatest area of significance is architectural. The front portion of the building, or Sheriff's residence, features the basic plan, proportions and roofing of the French Second Empire style. These elements are combined with Gothic detail and decoration on the entire structure. The resulting architectural effect is unique within the surrounding region, and is certainly one of the most outstanding examples of eclecticism in the state.

The Old Jail Museum was the second county jail located in Albion. The county seat was moved to Albion in 1846, at which time a frame building was constructed for use as the county jail. The original jail was found to be unsatisfactory and the new jail was built on a different site in 1875. The building was used continuously for 93 years as the old jail and the Sheriff's residence. In 1968 a new jail was completed and the old jail was placed on public auction. The Noble County Historical Society purchased the building and converted it into a museum for county relics and as an example of a 19th century jailhouse.

The Old Jail offers a very high degree of architectural integrity. Every major architectural element remains unchanged since the building was constructed. The high integrity is also maintained in the interior of the building. Especially notable is the cell area, which features the original bars and facilities.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Holcomb, T.C. The Noble County Historical Society and "Old Jail Museum". Albion: Noble County Historical Society, 1975.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 0.40
 Quadrangle name Albion, Indiana

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification The nominated property occupies town lots 89 and 90. The property is 132' x 132' in size and is bounded on the south by West Main Street and on the west by North Oak Street. The property is outlined in orange on the enclosed Albion Quad USGS Map.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
N/A			
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Joseph Ely, Land Use Planner

organization Region III-A Development Commission date September, 1981

street & number 119 West Mitchell telephone 219/347-4714

city or town Kendallville state Indiana 46755

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

J. M. Redman

title Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer date 11-15-82

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date

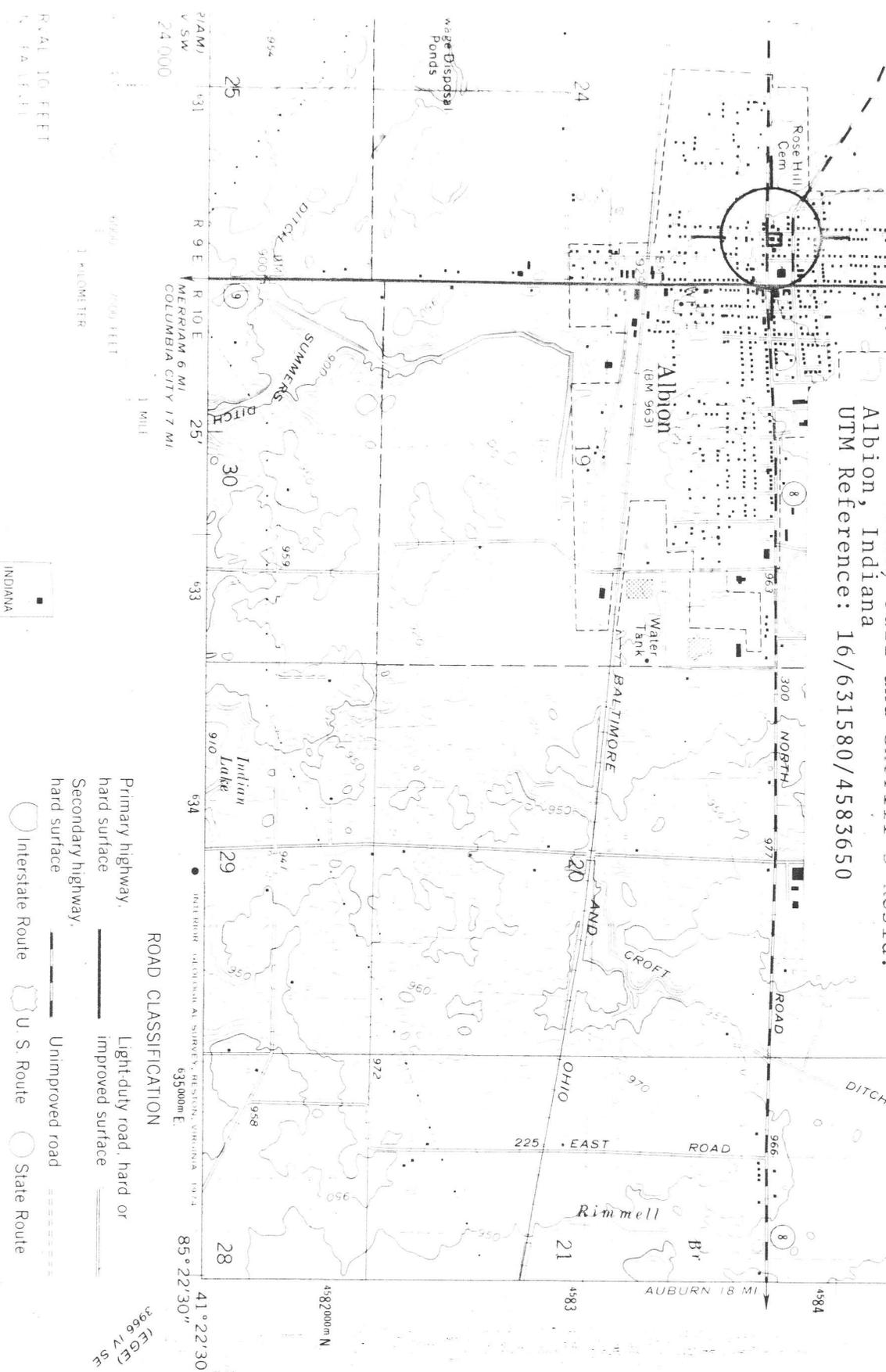
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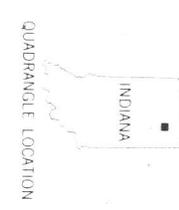
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Chief of Registration

Albion, Indiana
 UTM Reference: 16/631580/4583650



- ROAD CLASSIFICATION**
- Primary highway: Light-duty road, hard or improved surface:
 - Secondary highway, hard surface: Unimproved road:
 - Interstate Route: U. S. Route:
 - State Route:



NAT. MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
 SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
 RESOURCES, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204
 AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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